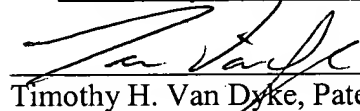


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ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Sir,

This is in response to the PTO communication mailed in the captioned application on February 5, 2003, which set a shortened statutory response period of one month.

Remarks

Claims pending in this application are claims 1-18.

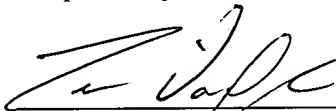
Election of Species:

Applicants hereby elect Species D: transgenic plants and claims 1-12 readable thereon for further prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, however, assert that the generic linking claim is allowable and therefore, this election is deemed unnecessary. Applicants reserve the right to reinstate non-elected species upon indication of an allowable generic linking claim.

Applicants further assert that all claims are in a condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any aspect of this response after entrance and consideration of the remarks presented herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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